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11. The current year is expected to leave us with a **revenue surplus** of Rs **17·21** lakhs. In the capital section, receipts from **sale proceeds** of lands are expected to yield Rs **5·2** lakhs against Rs. 5·5 lakhs estimated in the budget. We had provided originally a sum of Rs 21·82 lakhs for expenditure on capital schemes. Our expectations regarding the progress of the Chakkai-Thampanur Railway Extension and the Trivandrum Water Works Schemes, for which nearly Rs 20 lakhs had been provided in the year, are not likely to be fulfilled; and the total capital expenditure is now estimated to be only Rs 4·02 lakhs. The capital expenditure, it may be added, was intended to be found from our surpluses of previous years and not from any special borrowings. The necessary provision for these two schemes appears in the next year's budget. In the result, the current year is expected to leave us with a **closing balance** under Government Account, of Rs. **154·98** lakhs.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1104.

12. I now proceed to detail our budget estimates for the coming year. We have budgeted for a **revenue** of Rs **239·69** lakhs and an **expenditure** charged to revenue amounting to Rs **234·9** lakhs. Sale proceeds of lands are expected to bring in Rs 5 lakhs and the programme of **capital expenditure** is Rs **34·82** lakhs, nearly half of which is for expenditure we had intended to incur in the current year itself. In the result, we shall have a small **revenue surplus** of Rs **4·79** lakhs. There will be a net drawing from the balance at our credit, to the extent of Rs 25·03 lakhs on account of the proposed expenditure on capital schemes.

REVENUE.

13. Our principal heads of revenue are expected to yield a little over Rs 5 lakhs more in the next year than in the current year. It will be seen from the general abstract printed on page 2 of the budget estimates that of the budgeted revenue of Rs 239·69 lakhs the yield from the principal heads of revenue would amount to Rs 208·14 lakhs. The diagram for receipts shows that since 1089 there has been an increase of nearly 60 per cent in our revenue receipts, the expansion under the principal heads during this period being about 54 per cent. There is a marked increase under Customs revenue which has gone up from Rs 14·18 lakhs in 1089 to Rs 31·8 lakhs according to the Budget.

14. *Land Revenue.* The receipts are expected to stand at Rs 41·44 lakhs—nearly the same as in the current year. Land Revenue contributes nearly 20 per cent of the total receipts from

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the principal heads of revenue and is naturally our largest single item.

15. *Customs.* The next year's revenue is, as stated, expected to stand at Rs 31·8 lakhs. This is nearly rupees one lakh in excess of the current year's figure.

16. *Excise.* The figure which appears under this head is made up of abkari, tobacco and opium and ganja. The revenue from abkari is estimated to be Rs 31·34 lakhs, about 3 lakhs in excess of the current year's figure. Tobacco receipts are estimated at Rs 22·13 lakhs, nearly the same as in the current year and the receipts from opium and ganja at Rs 5·95 lakhs, which is nearly three-fourths of a lakh more than in this year. The Excise Department has reported that the increased receipts under abkari are on account of the enhanced rates of arrack duty and tree-tax. The Department's programme for the next two years contemplates a five per cent reduction in the total number of shops.

17. *Salt.* The receipts are estimated at Rs 17·80 lakhs, there being only a small decrease of ·2 of a lakh from the current year's figure.

18. *Stamps and Registration* are expected to bring in Rs 27·87 lakhs and 9·58 lakhs respectively, the figures being nearly the same as in the current year.

19. *Forest.* The budgeted revenue is Rs 14·45 lakhs; there is practically no change from the current year's figure.

20. Turning to the other items of revenue, increased receipts of rupees half a lakh each are expected under Education and Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments. But these are counter-balanced by the absence in the next year's estimates, of any income from Currency and Mint as we do not propose to mint new coins in the next year. Interest receipts, excluding the adjustment of discount on the securities purchased in the current year to which I have referred, show an increase of Rs 1·34 lakhs over the current year's figure, on account of the larger investments of surplus.

21. *Income-tax.* The budgeted revenue is Rs 5·78 lakhs which is slightly better than the current year's revised estimate figure and a little less than the budgeted figure for the current year. A strengthening of the machinery for collection of the tax which was expected to be provided in the current year has had to be postponed. The matter is receiving further consideration.

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22. The receipts from tolls on roads and bridges have been estimated at Rs 3 lakhs. Information received since the estimates were prepared, shows that we are likely to have a substantial increase under this head.

EXPENDITURE CHARGED TO REVENUE.

23. The total budgeted expenditure chargeable to revenue in the next year is Rs 234·9 lakhs. This sum includes the contribution to the Devaswom Fund of Rs 16 lakhs, as its share of the land revenue collections. The direct demands on revenue take up Rs 31 lakhs, Administration of Justice Rs 11·71 lakhs, Palace Rs 13·28 lakhs, Army and Defence Rs 14·38 lakhs, Pension and Miscellaneous nearly Rs 10 lakhs and General Administration Rs 4·61 lakhs. Interest and Sinking Fund charges amount to Rs 5·75 lakhs, the former representing what we have to pay mainly to our Savings Bank depositors and the latter, as will be seen from the statement printed at page 8 of the Budget Estimates, the annual deductions from revenue for redemption of our debenture loan which falls due in 1117 M. E. and for the purchase of the Shencottah-Quilon Railway line.

24. We may now turn to the larger items of our expenditure on the *directly beneficial services* for which a total provision of Rs 104·3 lakhs has been made from revenue, as under :—

Education ...	Rs 45·69 lakhs.	
Public Works ... (excluding working expenses under Productive Irrigation)	Rs 42·17	,,
Medical and Sanitary ...	Rs 10·79	,,
Minor Departments—		
Agricultural, Industrial and Scientific and Miscellaneous ...	Rs 5·65	,,
Total ...	Rs 104·30 lakhs,	

out of a total expenditure of Rs 234·9 lakhs, *i. e.*, nearly one half of our total budgeted expenditure, if we exclude the contribution to the Devaswom Fund. The provision is nearly Rs 11½ lakhs more than the probable expenditure in the current year, the increases being mainly under Public Works (7 lakhs) and Education (3 lakhs).

25. *Public Works.* I shall take up this department first. The budgeted expenditure from revenue is Rs 43 lakhs inclusive

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